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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron plans extensive plantation drive**

**Panaji, July 05, 2016:** On the occasion of Vanamahotsava campaign titled “Run for Tree” held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 Goa Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar mooted the idea of converting exhausted mining pits into environmental projects.

Referring to his recent visit to Sesa Goa’s Iron ore rehabilitated mining pit at Sankhali Village, Parsekar said, “Vedanta’s reclaimed mine is a classic example on how mining pits can be converted into hospitality or environmental projects which are enablers to balance the environment”, he told reporters after the flagging off “Run for Tree’ campaign , organized on the occasion of 67<sup>th</sup> Vanamahotsav celebration at Campal in the city. He further said, “other mine owners should learn from the rehabilitation executed by Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore.

The Chief Minister planted a tree as part of the plantation drive under taken by the state’s forest department.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, a plantation drive was initiated involving the participation of Bicholim Municipal Council and Government ITI college in Bicholim at the Housing Board Colony and Government ITI College campus. The plantation drive involved participation of around 400 ITI students and staff, 20 housing board colony members and Government Primary school students planting over 200 trees.

“Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron ore is contributing its bit to maintain Goa’s rich ecological biodiversity by ensuring we plant trees every year and the company has elaborate plans to contribute to this cause in a phased manner and this year will be planting 13,000 saplings in and around our operations at various places ” said Mr. Santosh Mandrekar – Mines Manager, Sesa Mining Corporation Limited (SMCL).

Present on the occasion were Mr. Satish Gaonkar – Chairman Bicholim Municipal Council (BMC), Mr. Ajit R Birje – Dy Chairman BMC, Mr. Rajesh Patnekar – Ex MLA Bicholim, Mr. Vijay Kumar Natekar – Councillor BMC, Mr. Marino D’Souza – Principal Government ITI Bicholim and Mr. Santosh Mandrekar – Mines Manager – SMCL along with CSR team members of Sesa Goa Iron Ore.

The dignitaries applauded the efforts of the Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore and urged all present to contribute their bit to give back to mother earth.

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Photo caption: Mr. Satish Gaonkar – Chairman Bicholim Municipal Council (BMC), Mr. Ajit R Birje – Dy Chairman BMC, Mr. Rajesh Patnekar – Ex MLA Bicholim planting a sapling.

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